



## Eastern Arizona Type II Incident Management Team

### Bear Paw Fire

June 28, 2006 9:00 a.m.

Acres: 3200 Containment: 80% Cause: Downed Power Line Personnel: 306

Helicopters: 1 Engine's: 9 Dozers: 3 Type 1 Crews 4 Type 2 Crews 6

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### Fire Information Number (505) 429-1060

**After today please call either (505) 438-7877 or 438-7628 for Information.**

The Bear Paw Fire which started on Saturday, June 24 at 3 pm is located approximately 2 1/2 miles northwest of Regina, N.M. and 1 mile west of Gallina Plaza. It is burning in sagebrush, Piñon, juniper, ponderosa pine, and mixed conifer.

**Yesterday's Activities:** Tuesday was the third consecutive day that a thunderstorm rolled through the area. Very little moisture fell on the fire, and the lightning was all south of it as well. This gave the fire fighters a chance to really make excellent progress, and they took advantage of it. We now have containment line around the entire perimeter. This does not mean that we consider the fire to be 100% contained, because there is still work to be done to be sure that all of the line is secure.

**Wednesday June 28, 2006:** Today's tactics will be the same on all divisions. We will continue securing the line, and mopping up three chains in (reminder; a chain is 66 feet). As crews are doing this work they will also be concentrating on rehab efforts. Because of the recent rains and more expected in the coming forecast, the use of water bars will be extensive. Water bars are small mounds built across the containment lines to channel water to the sides so erosion does not get a hold in the bare earth.

The demobilization process has started. Yesterday we had 28 engines on the incident and today we are down to 7. By the end of shift today there will be 4 or fewer engines left. If all goes as planned Thursday will bring about the demobilization of most of the other resources. What will remain on the fire from Thursday forward will be a Type 3 Team with a small group of resources to finish up. The Type 2 Team is scheduled turn the fire back over to the Forest on Thursday morning. The expected containment date is Thursday, 6/29/06 at 6 pm.

The weather trend over the next several days will be warmer and drier, and thunderstorms will have less moisture than in previous days. Today's high temperature is expected to be about 80 and the wind will be light and out of the northeast

**This will be the last update from the Eastern Arizona Incident Management Team.**